

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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Loss of Foodgrains under PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of foodgrains which are kept in the open under tarpauling or tinsheds distributed by ration shops;
- (b) the new measures undertaken by the Government to store these foodgrains;
- (c) the details of the loss of foodgrains to pilferage and transportation under PDS during last three years and the current year, State/UT wise;
- (d) the mechanism in place to curb/eliminate such trend and the steps taken /proposed to strengthen the mechanism; and
- (e) the quantum of foodgrains pilferaged from open as well as covered storage/ stock separately during the last three years ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): Central Government is responsible for procurement, storage, allocation and transportation of foodgrains upto the designated depots of FCI. It is the responsibility of the concerned State Government/ UT administration to ensure that during transportation and storage at different stages in the distribution chain, the foodgrains retain the required quality specifications formulated by the Government of India.

Rice is stored in covered godowns and wheat is stored in covered and Cover and Plinth (CAP) storage. CAP is a temporary storage and wheat stored in CAP issued on priority basis.

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The quantity of wheat stored in CAP by FCI on 1st June of the year 2016-17 & 2017-18 was 265099 tonnes and 342496 tonnes respectively.

The storage capacity available with Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State agencies for Central Pool stock is 794.48 Lakh tonnes (Covered- 643.71 lakh tonnes and CAP- 150.77 lakh tonnes) against the foodgrain stock of 533.19 Lakh tonnes as on 30.06.2017.

(b): Following measures have been taken by the Government to augment covered storage capacity:

â€¢ Government has formulated private entrepreneurs guarantee (PEG) Scheme for construction of godowns for storage of foodgrains by private parties, CWC, SWCs and other State agencies. Storage capacity of 138.51 lakh tons has been completed as on 30.06.2017.

â€¢ In addition, a capacity of 1,17,680 tons in North Eastern States and 20,000 tons in other than NE States has been completed under 12th Five Year Plan.

â€¢ Government has also approved action plan for construction of steel Silos for a capacity of 100 lakh tons in a phased manner.

(c), (d) & (e): It is the responsibility of the concerned State Government/UT administration to curb/eliminate losses of foodgrains due to pilferage and transport during transportation and storage at different stages in the distribution chain after issue of stocks from the designated FCI godowns for distribution in the PDS.
